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Alleged Gang Member Charged with Murder of Long Beach High School Student

An 18-year-old Long Beach man was charged today with the special circumstance murder of a 15-year-old high school student walking home from school, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Jacob Yim of the Hardcore Gang Division said Giovanni Montelongo faces one count each of murder, second-degree robbery and attempted second-degree robbery.

Case NA101415 includes a special circumstance allegation that the murder was committed during the commission of a robbery and an allegation that the crimes were committed in association with a criminal street gang.

Montelongo is scheduled to be arraigned at 1:30 pm in Department SO1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch.

Cabrillo High School student Keyshawn Brooks was allegedly stabbed to death on March 12 by Montelongo as the defendant robbed the victim, the prosecutor said. The defendant also is accused of attempting to rob a second victim, the prosecutor added.

Montelongo is being held with no bail. A decision on whether he will face the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole if convicted will be made at a later date.

The case remains under investigation by the Long Beach Police Department.

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